(c) the definite time frame for introduction of the remaining four train services for Orissa, as announced in the Railway Budget 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Out of the five new trains to be introduced for Orissa, two trains have already been introduced. The remaining three trains would be introduced during the current financial year 2001-2002 as soon as coaches becomes available and other infrastructural arrangements are made.

Tatkal Seva Identity Cards to Anti-Nationals

4418. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken by Government against the officers responsible for the issue of Tatkal Seva Identity Cards to anti-national persons etc., as reported in the Delhi Star News paper of 19th February, 2001;

(b) if no action has been taken, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to make up the loss of about one hundred fifty crores of rupees sustained for issue of the said identity cards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) No case of issue of Tatkal Seva Identity Cards to anti-national persons etc. has come to notice of the Government. Hence, the question of taking action against the officers for issue of Identity Cards to anti-national persons, etc. or sustaining any loss on this count does not arise.

Opposition in South Central Railway on Privatisation

4419. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the South Central Railway Employees Sangh has opposed privatisation in the Railways, downsizing of staff, abolition of vacant posts and several other measures being adopted by the Railways; and

(b) what is Government's reaction on these issues and the action Government propose in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.